ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to an azo compound represented by the following formula (1):

- , wherein A denotes a phenyl group having 1 to 3

 substituents such as sulfonic acid group, amino group,
 lower alkyl groups and lower alkoxyl groups, or a
 naphthyl group, B denotes hydrogen atom, sulfonic acid
 group, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxyl group or
 the like, each of R¹ to R⁴ independently denotes
- 10 hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a
 lower alkoxyl group or the like, D denotes -NHCO-,
 -N=N- or -NH-, E denotes hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl
 group or a phenyl group having 1 to 3 substituents such
 as hydroxyl group and amino group, n denotes 0 or 1,
- and m denotes 0 or 1, or a salt thereof, or a copper complex compound of either of them, which is used for a polarizing plate having excellent polarization performance and durability and furthermore little color leakage in visible light range.